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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: TRANSCRIPT OF DEPARTURE STATEMENTS BY SECRETARY
KISSINGER AND FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF

KISSINGER: QUOTE FIRST OF ALL, I WANTED TO THANK HIS MAJESTY, AND MY FRIEND, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, FOR THE EXTRAORDINARILY WARM AND COURTEOUS RECEPTION WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE. AS YOU KNOW, ON APRIL 5, THE UNITED STATES AND SAUDI ARABIA ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD SOLIDIFY AND EXTEND THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS IN A NUMBER OF FIELDS--ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND IN THE AREA OF THE DEFENSIVE REQUIREMENTS OF THE KINGDOM. I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT PRINCE FAHD HAS AGREED TO HEAD A DELEGATION OF SENIOR OFFICERS FROM SAUDI ARABIA TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES, STARTING MAY 24, TO PUT THIS PROJECT INTO EFFECT. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, COMPOSED OF SENIOR OFFICIALS OF SIMILAR RANK, WILL BE HEADED BY ME. THE UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND ITS LONG AND DEEP FRIENDSHIP FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLES OF SAUDI ARABIA. I WILL NOW GO ON FROM HERE TO CAIRO, AND OTHER PLACES, TO PURSUE THE EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A DIS-ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE FORCES BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL, AND I HAVE BENEFITED GREATLY FROM THE WISDOM AND COUNSEL OF HIS MAJESTY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AND ALL OUR SAUDI FRIENDS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. UNQUOTE.

SAQQAF: QUOTE I THANK MY FRIEND THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND WOULD LIKE TO MENTION HERE THAT WHAT HE DID IS NOTHING COM-
MISSERATE WITH WHAT HE DESERVES. WE AS PEOPLE WHOSE RELIGION IS ISLAM, WHICH MEANS, ACTUALLY, PEACE--YOU CAN EVEN IN ARABIC

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NOTICE THE SIMILARITY IN THE SOUNDS--WE, BEING THE PEOPLE THAT WE ARE, OF THAT FAITH, OF THAT PERSUASION, APPRECIATE THEREFORE GREATLY SUCH DISTINGUISHED PEOPLE AS DR. KISSINGER, WHO ARE PURSUING THE PATH OF PEACE. I MUST REPORT AS A HISTORIC FACT, OR A FACT WHICH TOUCHES ON HISTORY--BUT ALTHOUGH IT IS A PERSONAL ONE--NAMELY, THAT EVERY TIME I HAVE SEEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE, I HAVE BEEN MORE AND MORE CONVINCED--THERE ISN'T ANY ROOM FOR MORE, ACTUALLY--THAT HE IS STRIVING, DOING HIS UTMOST TOWARDS SECURING A JUST PEACE, NOT ONLY IN THIS AREA, BUT HE IS ALSO DEEPLY INTERESTED, AND COMMITTED, TO HAVING PEACE REIGN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WHETHER HIS EFFORTS LEAD TO SUCCESS OR NOT, THAT IS NOT MATERIAL, BUT I PERSONALLY FEEL THAT HE WILL SUCCEED BY DIA OF HIS PERSISTENCE, EXTREME HARD WORK, HIS PATIENCE, AND HIS UTTER CONVICTION IN THE NEED TO HAVE PEACE REIGN. THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS MET WITH HIS MAJESTY KING FAISAL, HAS LISTENED FROM HIS MAJESTY'S MOUTH TO THE VIEWS AND THE POLICIES OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA. AND WE HOPE THAT THIS KNOWLEDGE WILL HELP HIM PURSUE HIS EFFORTS. AS I SAID IN THE MORNING, I REPEAT AGAIN THAT IRRESPECTIVE OF THE RESULTS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS EXPENDED BY OUR DEAR FRIEND, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, AND BY HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. WE ALSO WOULD ANNOUNCE WITH PLEASURE WHAT YOU HAVE JUST HEARD--AT LEAST, EXPRESS OUR PLEASURE AT WHAT YOU AND WE HAVE JUST HEARD, NAMELY, THAT IN CONTINUANCE OF THOSE AMICABLE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SAUDI ARABIA, IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE FAHD BIN ABDULAZIZ, SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, WOULD BE PROCEEDING TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THAT SPECIFIC PURPOSE, TO START FORMALLY THE ARRANGEMENTS AND THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE DATE BEYOND OR AFTER THE 22ND OF MAY--IN ACTUAL FACT, ON THE 24TH. I HAVE EVERY CONVICTION THAT BOTH HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE FAHD AND DR. HENRY KISSINGER WILL SUCCEED IN THEIR JOINT EFFORTS. IN ANY CASE, IT BEHOVES US TO HOPE THAT THEIR EFFORTS, WHEN THEY START, WILL HAVE COME AS A FOLLOW-UP TO OR SUBSEQUENT TO THE SUCCESS OBTAINED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE DISENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE SYRIAN FORCES AND THE OCCUPYING FORCES OF ISRAEL. BECAUSE SHOULD THIS SEQUENCE BE THE CASE--

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IN OTHER WORDS, THE JOINT SAUDI U.S. COMMISSIONS OR BILATERAL COOPERATIVE EFFORTS COME AFTER DISENGAGEMENT, THE ATTEMPTS AT DISENGAGEMENT ARE SUCCESSFUL, WE ALL KNOW THAT THAT IN ITSELF WOULD LEND GREATER POSSIBILITIES FOR SUCCESS TO SUCH JOINT EFFORTS BETWEEN US AND BRING ABOUT AN INCREASING MEASURE OF RESPECT, APPRECIATION, COOPERATION AND AMITY. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OF THE HABIT OF BEING A MAN OF FEW WORDS; I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME; MAYBE THE PRESENCE OF OUR FRIEND IS INSPIRING. LET ME END BY WISHING HIM EVERY SUCCESS, BON VOYAGE, AND WE WILL WELCOME HIM ANY TIME. UNQUOTE.

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